



# The CALENDAR

## of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

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### ***Ash Wednesday Dinner & Communion*** ***Wednesday, February 26***

On February 26, starting at 6 p.m., there will be a dinner followed by a worship service marking the beginning of Lent. This evening will set the stage for our Lenten journey.

Reservations for the dinner (soup, salad and rolls) can be made by calling the church by Thursday, February 20. For those unable to attend the dinner, the worship service, with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Tenebrae Service*** ***Thursday, April 9***

On *Maundy Thursday*, April 9, a Tenebrae Service, including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The movement, text and music of this service are designed to draw the congregation into a personal involvement in the events that led to the crucifixion. While Judas betrayed Jesus, and the soldiers crucified him, we know that there are times in our lives when we betray, deny, convict and crucify Jesus by our words and actions.

The Tenebrae Service follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means "darkness" and commemorate the final hours of our Lord's life on earth. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. We invite you, your family and friends to attend and share with us in this very special and moving service.

### ***Good Friday Service*** ***Friday, April 10***

One of the special opportunities Christians have during Holy Week, is to stand with Jesus during his last hours leading up to his crucifixion and death. The service on *Good Friday*, April 10, at 1 p.m. will invite you, through music, scripture and pastoral reflections, to stand with Jesus and experience his passion and death. We encourage you and your friends to join us in worship in remembering Jesus' courage and love.

### ***Easter Services*** ***Sunday, April 12***

At 10:00 a.m., we will gather in the Steep Memorial Garden and remember by name all those interred in the garden and in the Columbarium. We will also lift up the names of those who died since last Easter. Prayers will be offered for all these loved ones who have been granted sainthood as they entered the "Church Triumphant."

At 10:30 a.m., our *Festival Service*, with a wonderful blend of hymns, anthems, scripture, prayers, meditation and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, will inspire us to embrace the Easter story with heart-felt joy and hope.

#### ***JAPC Events in Lent***

##### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF ASHES**

*Noon, Wednesday, February 26*

##### **ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER**

*6 p.m., Wednesday February 26*

##### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF ASHES**

*7 p.m. Wednesday, February 2*

##### **PANCAKE BRUNCH**

*Sunday, March 15 after worship*

##### **DEACON'S PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

*Sunday, April 5 after worship*

##### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER**

*6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9*

##### **MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

*8 p.m., Thursday, April 9*

##### **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

*1 p.m., Friday April 10*

##### **EASTER GARDEN PRAYER SERVICE**

*10 a.m., Sunday, April 12*

##### **EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE**

**WITH CHOIR & BRASS**

*10 a.m., Sunday, April 12*

***Remember: Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 8.***  
***Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, or you will be late for Church!!***

## PASTOR'S CORNER

*Exercising Our Faith*

I've begun to notice that a lot of our church members enjoy exercise. There are quite a few cyclists/bike riders, a few runners, swimmers, and those who enjoy going to the gym and many who practice yoga. When we exercise our bodies remain strong and healthy. I recently read an article in the *New York Times* that cited a study that suggests that exercise also helps our minds stay fit and sharp. I enjoy getting on my bicycle. When I am regularly going for rides, I find that my sleep improves, I feel more aware, and I generally feel more positive.

In the same way we exercise our bodies, we exercise our faith. When we make prayers before God, our faith grows more fit with empathy, compassion, and hope. Coming to worship is like going to gym—we exercise our faith with others doing the same, our spirits flexing our muscles of love, peace, joy, and communion. Engaging in service can be like lifting weight to make us stronger. Singing in church can be a healthy practice to stretch ourselves toward Christ. Perhaps reading the Bible could be like

going to the putting green to hone our golf skills; instead we develop our understanding of the scriptures that are the root of our faith. Going for a weekend retreat might be like a High-Intensity Interval training for our faith (perhaps we could call it High-Intensity Discipleship Training).

How do you exercise your faith? Do you read scripture for faith fitness? Do you discuss with a group? Do you read books about faith or books of prayer? Do you pray the psalms or practice contemplation or meditation? Do you sing or play or listen to music? Do you keep silence before God? Do you go on prayer walks? Do you write letters?

There are so many ways to practice and exercise our faith. Just like we might balance aerobic fitness, strength exercises, and stretching, we also balance the ways we exercise our faith. I'd love to know how you practice your faith? Give me a call. Send me an email. I'd enjoy more conversations about the ways we live our faith.

*Peace, Matt*

*Looking for Easter Brass Sponsors*

Would you like to “decorate” our Easter service with the glorious sound of Brass celebrating the good news of the resurrection? Your support is needed!

The fee for each player is approximately \$250, so a gift of \$25 or more will help defray the cost. All contributions will be listed in the bulletin just as we do for the spring flowers that grace the Chancel on Easter morning.

If you would like to make a donation, or “underwrite” the cost of one player, please contact Margie Uysal, Church Secretary.

*Easter Flowers*

In celebration of Easter on April 12, the Chancel is adorned with lilies and other Spring flowers. These decorations are donated by members and friends of our congregation. If you are interested in participating, you may fill out the form in the Sunday Bulletin or you can place your order by calling the Church Office (313 822-3456) by Monday, April 6. After the service, you may take the plant home or allow the Board of Deacons to deliver it to a sick or house-bound member of our congregation. Please indicate on the flower card your desire.

*Faith and Fiction Group  
Sunday Evenings*

A group led by Pastor Matt Nickel is meeting at the manse to discuss our lives of faith through the themes, characters, and situations in short stories. Over coffee, tea, and a bite of dessert, we discuss matters of faith through fiction. In January the group read *All That* by David Foster Wallace. In February, the group will read *Dance in America* by Lorrie Moore. You can pick up copies of the story on the information table in the Welcome Center. If you need the address or directions to the manse, please call the church office.

*Voices of Black History Month*

Each Sunday in *Black History Month*, the Worship Committee will present *Voices of Black History Month* around the time for announcements. A church member will tell about the life of an African American person. Each week's story can be found on the information table in the Welcome Center. Come each Sunday to hear about Arturo Schomburg, Selma Burke, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Henry Ossawa Tanner.



*Pints and Prayer* met on Thursday, January 16 at Atwater in the Park. The next upcoming gatherings are on Feb. 13 and March 12 (both Thursdays)

### ***Pastor Matt's Granola Recipe***

For Christmas, Pastor Matt made gifts of granola for the staff at JAPC. Some church members have asked for the recipe. If you want to make your own at home, here it is:

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 4 cups of oats
- 1 ½ cups of sliced almonds
- 1 cup of walnuts (or pecans)
- 1 cup of pepitas (pumpkin seeds)
- 1 cup of shredded coconut (sweetened)
- 1 tsp of cinnamon
- ½ tsp of salt
- ¾ cup of vegetable oil
- ½ cup of maple syrup
- dried cherries or blueberries

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Mix all dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Pour the oil over the dry ingredients while mixing so it is evenly distributed. Then do the same with the maple syrup. Once all ingredients are mixed, line a large sheet pan (18" x 24") with parchment and pour ingredients onto the pan. Spread until even and covers the entire tray. Bake for 40-45 minutes. Add more time if necessary. Let cool and add the dried fruit at the end.

### ***Facilities Update***

by *Larry Gannan*

So much going on in the building, matching the demands that come with the new outreach approach.

December's highlight focused on the new appearance of Dodge Hall. As you may have noticed, significant deterioration had occurred from water damage. Due to the historic nature, research for proper repairs added to the delays. The repairs to Dodge Hall have been made and the compatibility of the 3 layers of plaster used in the original construction have been completed. The final application was applied with techniques that allowed for almost an exact duplication of the existing texture, note the stucco (raised surfaces) has been applied to a very nearly exact replication. Then the finish coats of paint were applied, the first coat being a PH balanced to the 1920's style of plaster. The final coat, an exact color match to the existing walls, gives the sense of continued fluidity. Finally the lime stone surrounds, which were previously painted, were prepared by removing all deteriorated applied paint. They were then primed, with a PH balanced primer for added protection from moisture, paint color matched and applied.

The result is what you see; a look that feels as good as the original, and the feeling that this Church is being maintained to provide its congregation and supporters with a sense of security, tranquility and pride. The best is yet to come.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

#### ***Saturday Coffee***

***10 – 11:30 a.m., March 14, 2020***

Join Susie Krage and "An Ambassador to Moscow" for an unforgettable experience. Susie and husband, Fred, were with the U.S. State Department for 24, years. They had tours in Taiwan, Chili, Ecuador and many others including, one of her favorites, Moscow twice. Enjoy light refreshments and conversation and learn about her fascinating life at the home of Susie Krage.

For the women of the church and friends. The reservation sheet will in the Main Hallway and is limited to 20.

### ***Rend Your Heart***

*"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.*

—Joel 2:12-14

## CHURCH SCHOOL

### *The Season of Lent*

As Lent approaches, we as individuals and a congregation, look for ways to deepen our relationship with God. The three traditional pillars of Lent provide a range of opportunities for us to experience the richness of our faith:

**Prayer** – How can we more deeply engage in communal and personal prayer and worship?

**Fasting** – What do we need to give up in order to more fully engage in relationships with God and others?

**Almsgiving** – What will we do to serve the Body of Christ in our midst? How will we give of our time, talent and treasure?

As busy families, we are used to scheduling all our meetings, practices, due dates, and events. And so as we begin Lent, why not schedule some special family faith time and those opportunities to engage children in the acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

**Here are a few opportunities. Create your own too!**

- Church School classes every Sunday beginning with worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Intergenerational activities during coffee hour on Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, April 5
- Saturday, March 7 – Kids Against Hunger event at GP Memorial Church 12 – 2 p.m. Register online or contact Kathy [kathy@japc.org](mailto:kathy@japc.org)
- Family pancake breakfast Saturday, February 29, 9 – 11 a.m. Families with babies, toddlers, and children of all ages are invited.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

### *Tutoring T.R.E.E.*

We ended the first semester of *Tutoring T.R.E.E.* with a family dinner and program where students showed off their newly obtained drum skills under guidance of master drummer, Juan Hawkins. We begin 2020 with 32 students and 15 tutors. Coach Mackie will be working with students on goals, discipline, and healthy life habits.

Our focus this semester is on expanding vocabulary and reading at least 10 minutes a day. Studies have shown that children from economically disadvantaged homes hear 30 million less words by the time they reach school than children from middle and upper class homes. We cannot solve the whole issue, but having meaningful conversations and reading for and with children benefit the academic growth of our students.

SOAR volunteers continue to work with students at the school with reading. Volunteers also faithfully bring food bags to students each Friday. Our outreach, service and partnership with Nichols School is awesome.

## OUR MINISTRY IN MUSIC

### *Music Series will feature Beethoven Sunday, March 29*

On Sunday, March 29, a group of students from Oakland University will present a piano recital featuring the piano Sonatas of Ludwig van Beethoven. Our program is one of several outreach recitals that the university is doing as part of a series featuring all thirty-two of Beethoven's piano sonatas. Many music organizations are featuring Beethoven this year as part of the celebration of his 250th birthday. Next October, in fact, we will be hosting a program organized by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit which will feature a world class ensemble playing several of Beethoven's string quartets!

### *Jazz Series continues with Dueling Trombones Sunday, March 8*

We will continue our Jazz Series this year with a combo featuring dueling trombones with Edward Gooch, who just played for our Martin Luther King service, and Ron Kischuk. We are sure to hear this marvelous instrument in all its lyrical sweetness, raw, brassy power and sliding sassiness being played by these local legends! Please join us and bring a friend!

### *Church Forum Organ Recital Sunday, February 16*

*by Stephen Warner, Director of Music*

At 12 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, I will present a short recital featuring works written by African American composers. The program will feature works of Noel deCosta, William Farley Smith, Eugene Hancock, Florence Price and Fela Sowanda. While nearly all of these pieces have been used in worship, hearing them in a recital setting with background information about the very interesting composers will provide a new context for their meaning.

### *Preschool Music Class*

This Winter and Spring, local music teacher Lauren Glapa of June Music is leading music sessions for young children (5 and under recommended) and their parents on Wednesdays from 10am to 10:45am. The cost is pay what you can and \$10 is recommended. It is a joy for families to come and dance, play, sing, and enjoy music at church.



## ***Presbytery of Detroit is on mission to ensure all children have a bed of their own***

by Tammy Warren, Presbyterian News Service

In just over two hours on Monday, volunteers from nine congregations in the Presbytery of Detroit assembled 68 beds at the Building Beds 4 Kids warehouse. The beds will be distributed by churches and social service agencies to children and youth in the tri-county area who need them.

No one knows exactly how many children in the tri-county area around Detroit (Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties) are lacking a bed of their own, but it is likely the number is in the thousands, according to the nonprofit Building Beds 4 Kids.

“One of the most basic needs of children in the child welfare system — ages 2 to 18 — is for a warm, comfortable bed and a good night’s sleep,” said the Rev. Dr. Kathryn “Kate” Thoresen, coordinator of the statewide Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care and parish associate for foster and/or adoptive families’ partnerships at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Michigan.

“We see that providing beds for every child who needs one is an effective way to prevent kids from going into foster care in the first place,” Thoresen said. “We are also discovering that there are many grandparents who are raising grandkids who suddenly need beds as well.”

The Rev. Charlotte Sommers, the Rev. Kate Thoresen and other volunteers add zippered covers to mattresses donated by universities refurbishing their dorm rooms. (Photo by John Judson)

Thoresen and her husband, Tom, who have three adult children and two grandchildren, have also served as respite foster parents. It is through this experience they have both developed a personal understanding of the needs of children in the child welfare system, especially those in foster care. Thoresen works to connect congregations and social service agencies statewide to meet the needs of foster children, families and youth aging out of the foster care system in Michigan.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that not getting enough sleep each night is associated with an increase in injuries, hypertension, obesity and depression, especially for teens who may experience increased risk of self-harm or suicidal thoughts. The AAP also found that getting adequate sleep on a regular basis can lead to improved attention, behavior, learning, memory, and mental and physical health.

A bed-building event held Monday brought together 23 volunteers representing nine congregations in the Presbytery of Detroit, which has accepted the Matthew 25 invitation extended by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Those churches included First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, First Presbyterian Church of Troy, St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Jefferson Avenue

Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, Northbrook Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and First Presbyterian Church of Northville. This all-volunteer workforce assembled 68 beds, which will be distributed by churches and social service agencies at no cost to families with children who need a bed.

The wooden bed frames are made and assembled by volunteers. Local universities donate used twin-size mattresses when refurbishing dorm rooms, and congregations hold periodic drives for zippered mattress protectors and colorful sheet sets and comforters that appeal to children and youth.

Katy Kujula, a member of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, took part in a bed build organized through a partnership of Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care and the nonprofit Building Beds 4 Kids.

Nearly one-fourth of the churches in the Presbytery of Detroit have some kind of outreach effort to support children in the foster care system. One church, First Presbyterian of Plymouth, recently used a Faith in Action grant to purchase car parts and have a day of car repair for foster families or young adults in the foster care system.

Based on fiscal year 2017 foster care statistics in the Child Welfare Information Gateway report, released in March by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Children’s Bureau, nearly 443,000 children were in the foster care system throughout the U.S. as of Sept. 30, 2017, an increase of 5,530 children over the same time period during the previous year.

The nonprofit Building Beds 4 Kids, founded by a Detroit couple with five children and 14 grandchildren who want to do their best to get beds to kids who don’t have them, is committed to the principle that it’s not about them personally or the organization or even the beds. “It’s about the kids,” they said. “We’re just trying to help them.”

To learn more about the Matthew 25 invitation, which invites all of us to actively engage in the world around us, go here <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25>.



# FEBRUARY 2020

## JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Annual Congregational Mtg CCD Practice	<b>27</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>29</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.	<b>30</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>31</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice	<b>3</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>4</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>5</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.  Bible & Brew 7:00 p.m. (City Kitchen)	<b>6</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Community Movie Night 6:00- 8:00 p.m.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice Lunch Bunch 12:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Parish Life 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.	<b>13</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Card Makers 10:00 - 1:00  Facilities 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Valentine's Day Tea & Conversation 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice Organ Recital 12:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> President's Day CHURCH CLOSED	<b>18</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  No Tutoring TREE Mission 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.	<b>20</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Community Movie Night 6:00- 8:00 p.m.	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Transfiguration of the Lord 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice Faith & Fiction 7:30 p.m. (Manse)	<b>24</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>26</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.  Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.	<b>27</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> Family Lenten Breakfast 9:00 - 11:00

# MARCH 2020

## JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice	<b>2</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>4</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m. Bible & Brew 7:00 p.m. (City Kitchen)	<b>5</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Community Movie Night 6:00- 8:00 p.m.	<b>7</b>  Remember to push your clocks 1 hour ahead before bed
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice Jazz Concert 4:30 Mission Group	<b>9</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Finance 4:30 p.m. Parish Life 7:00 p.m.  Mission Group	<b>10</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  Mission Group	<b>11</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m. Deacons Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Mission Group	<b>12</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Card Makers 10:00 - 1:00  Facilities 7:00 p.m. Mission Group	<b>13</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Mission Group	<b>14</b>  Coffee with Susie Krag (10:00 - 11:30 )
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Lenten Pancake Breakfast (during coffee hour) CCD Practice	<b>16</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m. Session Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Pints & Prayer 7:30 p.m. (Atwater)	<b>20</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Community Movie Night 6:00- 8:00 p.m.	<b>21</b>  Presbytery Meeting 9:00 a.m. (Grosse Ile Pres.)
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice	<b>23</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>24</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.	<b>26</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 5th Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School CCD Practice Music Series Concert 4:30	<b>30</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>31</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>1</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.	<b>2</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.  Community Movie Night 6:00- 8:00 p.m.	<b>4</b>  Deacon's Breakfast Preparation
<b>5</b> Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Deacon's Brunch CCD Practice	<b>6</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  No Tutoring TREE	<b>8</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.	<b>9</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Maundy Thursday Dinner 6:30 p.m. Worship 8:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Good Friday Worship 1:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> EASTER 10:00 a.m. Memorial Garden 10:30 Festival Worship & Church School	<b>13</b> CHURCH CLOSED	<b>14</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.  Tutoring TREE 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>15</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Preschool Music Class 10:00 a.m.	<b>16</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>  Indian Village Pancake Breakfast (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

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***Kroger Community Rewards  
Please Enroll/Re-enroll***

Special thanks to everyone who has participated in the Kroger Community Rewards Program at JAPC! This program allows us to receive extra income by benefiting from Kroger purchasers our members would be making anyway.

JAPC received an e-mail recently with this important information: All members must sign up for the program in order to earn funds for your group. Even if you have members who signed up to earn funds from last year must sign up again to continue earning rewards during the coming year, May 2020 to May 2021.

Clearly, if you want the church to benefit from your purchases you need to enroll/re-enroll. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to enroll/re-enroll (you will need the church's ID number [BL037] and your Kroger Plus Card) or contact Kroger Customer Service at 1-800-576-4377. Every time you shop at Kroger and swipe your Kroger Plus Card, a percentage of your purchase supports JAPC.

***Church Register***

**DEATHS**

Susan Nightingale on December 20, 2019

Patricia Kane on January 4, 2020

***Invite Us Deeper  
A Lenten Prayer***

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;  
seeking you in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused  
on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you  
and those who need what we have to give.

– Author Unknown

***The Importance of Bequests***  
***“Like good servants of the manifold grace of God,  
serve one another with whatever gift each  
of you has received.” I Peter 4:10***

Jefferson Avenue has been the fortunate recipient of many bequests over the years. The church is so grateful for these thoughtful remembrances and the bequests received have generated income to support our operating budget, funded special ministries and made building improvements that have enriched our life.

The Christian tradition of giving is both a privilege and an opportunity. We all have the opportunity to follow this example by giving something of ourselves to insure the future of the church's Christian witness and ministry. Booklets on “Extending Your Christian Witness Through Your Will” are available on the Main Foyer literature table.